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Aerospace & Defense | Advanced Manufacturing

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Aerospace and Defense Capabilities

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Aerospace and Defense

NASA MIRO Center For Space Exploration and
Technology Research

Space Technologies

Special Programs

Hypersonics and Artificial
Intelligence

Aeronautics and
Aviation

Small Business
Development Initiatives

Energy Technologies

Contracted Services

Storefront

Advanced Manufacturing

W. M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation

Aerospace and Defense
Manufacturing

Energy
Manufacturing

Contracted Services

Advanced Manufacturing Business Development

Applied Education

Aerospace and
Defense Technology
Education

Aviation
Education

Additive Manufacturing
Education

Certification

UAS Pilot
Certification

Advanced Training

Associate

Pilot Training
Program

Certification

2+2

Associate Degrees

2+2

Outreach & K-12 Programs

NASA MIRO University Research Center

Center for Space Exploration & Technology Research

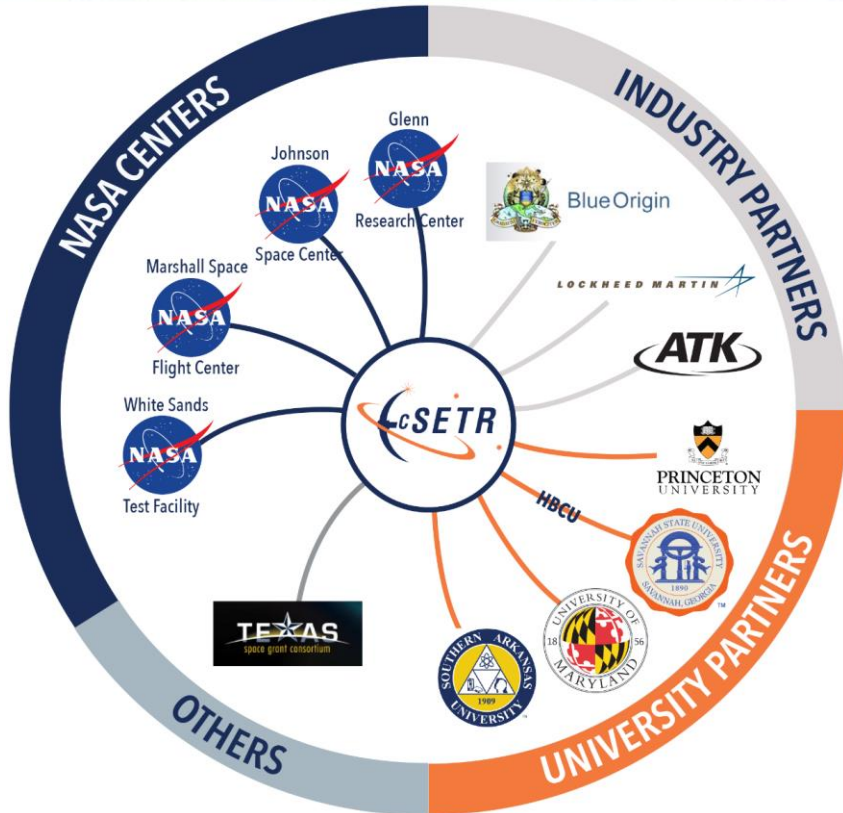
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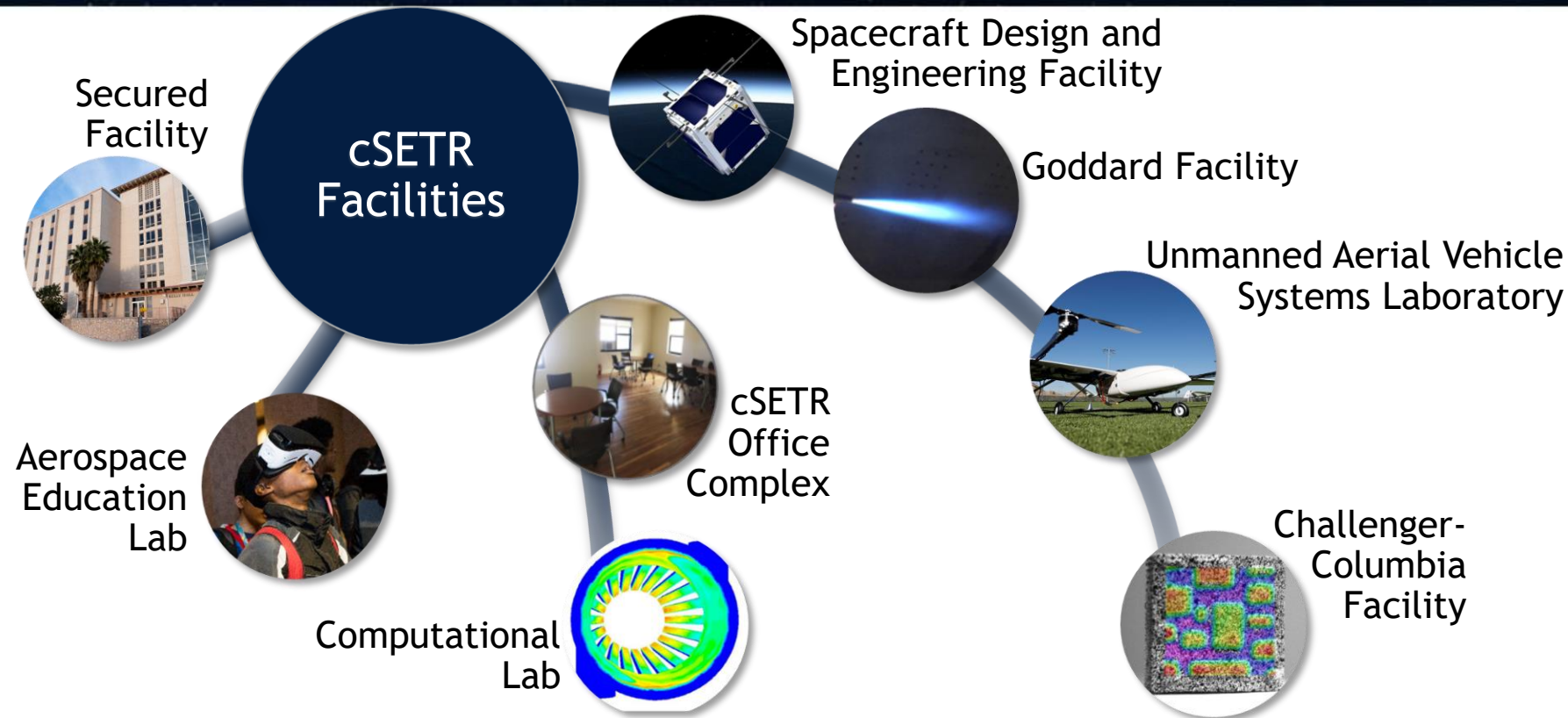
cSETR Facilities



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Research Capabilities

Goddard Research Facility

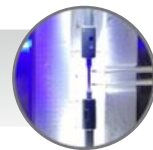


Combustion and Propulsion

- Bunker and Control Room
- Projectile Proof
 - 600ft² Test Area
 - Camera Accessible
 - Remote Control Operation
 - Sea Level Operation
- High Speed Imaging
- Flame Studies Capability
- Emissions Analyzers
- Adaptable Exhaust System
- Planetary/Shaker/Roller Ball Mill

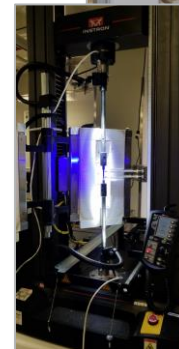


Challenger- Columbia Research Facility



Materials Processing and Characterization

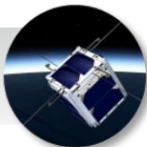
- Multiple High Temperature Furnaces
- Nano-Indentation System
- Vacuum Ovens
- Composite fabrication
- Material Testing Systems
 - For tension, compression and flexural testing
 - Instron Corporation, Model 5866, with 10kN and 0.5kN load cells
 - For static and dynamic testing including durability, fatigue crack growth, high and low cycle fatigue, fracture toughness, tension, compression
 - MTS Systems Corporation, Model 370 servohydraulic system, with 100kN load cell
 - For static and dynamic testing including durability, fatigue crack growth, high and low cycle fatigue, fracture toughness, tension, compression
 - MTS Corporation, Model 370.02 Axial-torsional servohydraulic system, with 25kN load cell, 200N-m torque rating



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Research Capabilities

Spacecraft Design and Engineering Facility



Environmental Testing Equipment

- Vibration testing up to Max.11G, 40 lb. load testing Random, Sine force, & Shock
- Vacuum chamber at 1.4 10^{-6} torr & 5 thermocouples (K-type)



Electronics

- Cadence OrCAD Allegro Schematic/PCB Layout Software Suite
- SMTMax QM1500 Pick and Place Machine
- SMTMax AE-F600C ReFlow Oven
- NI USRP Software Defined Radio Device packages: ethernet enabled, real-time software controlled
- Schematic Capture, SPICE, and PCB Design Software
- Laser microwelder (Miyachi LW5AG)



Student Collaborative Area



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Laboratory



- Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) systems
- (28) Autonomous Long Range/Long Endurance aircrafts, both fixed and rotary wing
- Autonomous SLAM aircraft able to navigate in confined GPS-denied environments
- Advanced Sensors and applications, to include: EO, Multispectral, IR, UV
- Advanced post-processing capability to produce a range of research-grade data products
- UAV Ground and flight academics



MIRO cSETR On-Campus Facilities

Research Capabilities

Computational Laboratory



Computational Work

- (12) Desktops
- Securely controlled servers and storage array
- Software available:
 - Abacus
 - ANSYS Workbench
 - Fluent
 - Matlab
 - Mathematica
 - HyperWorks
 - ASPEN One
 - CAD (NX 10, Solidworks, CREO)



cSETR Office Complex



Student Office Space

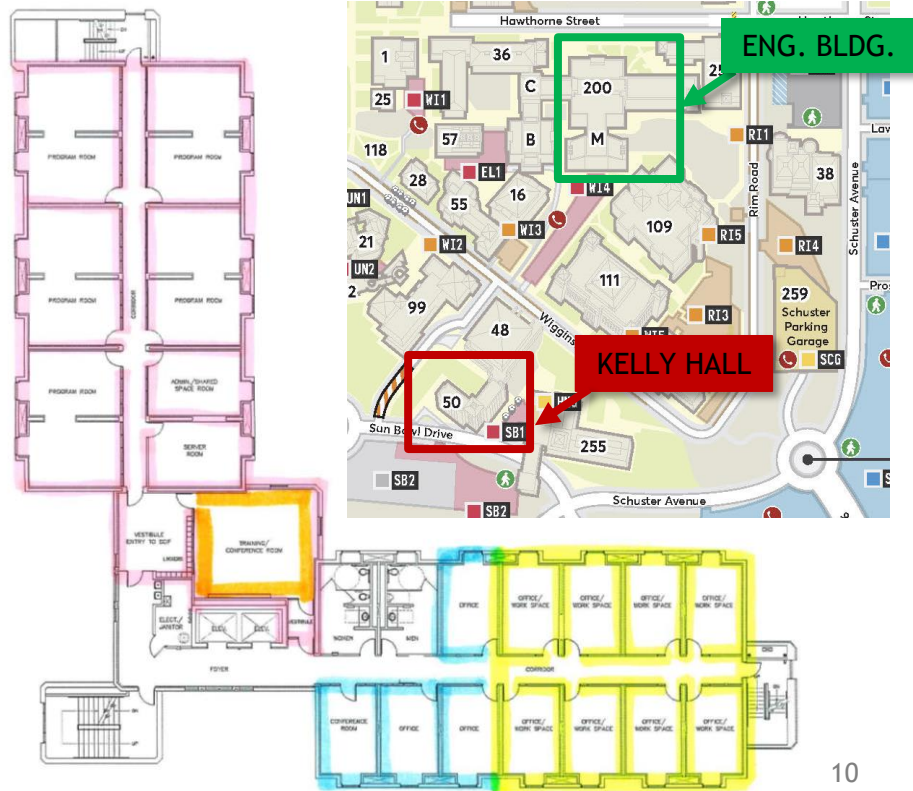
- Seats 30 students
- (4) White boards
- (2) Mobile white boards
- (2) Conference Rooms
- Seats 6 people each
- General office supplies
 - Rulers, staplers, dry-erase markers, etc.
- Kitchen area with appliances
 - Refrigerator
 - Coffee machine
 - Oven
 - Microwave



MIRO cSETR On-Campus Facilities

Secure Research Facility | *Under Construction*

- High Security Area (ICD 705) | ~4,000 sf
 - 5 separate program spaces* | ~430 sf each
 - Data Center/Server Room* | ~170 sf
 - Admin Room* | ~170 sf
 - Training/Conference Room* | ~450 sf
 - Vestibule/security desk
 - In addition to the security perimeter (pink), each space is built to accommodate a separate program IAW ICD 705 standards. Each space is linked to the data center by secure conduit.
- 8 Collateral work spaces | 200 sf each
- FSO & security admin spaces | ~800 sf

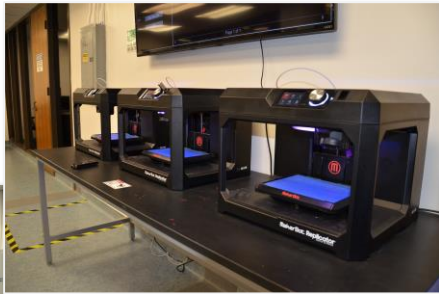


Facilities Available to NASA MIRO cSETR

Design Studio I: 3-D Printing



- 3-D Printing machines
 - MakerBot Replicators, uPrint
- Assembly area



Design Studio II: Machine Shop



- **Studio Area**
 - Design Stations with 38" displays
 - NX 7.5, Solidworks, Pro-E and CATIA
 - Project Presentation Facility
 - Team Meeting Room
 - FMD 3D Printer
 - HP DesignJet Plotter
 - Bench-top Workstations
- **Machine Shop Area**
 - CNC: Mill & Lathe
 - Conventional: Mill & Lathe
 - Tig & Mig Welder
 - Vertical / Horizontal saw
 - Grinding Stations



MIRO cSETR Off-Campus Facilities



tRIAc - Alpha Site

- Research & Development
- Control Center
- Test Cells
- Vertical Test Stand

Fabens, TX



tRIAc - HQ Site

- Design studio & Manufacturing Workshop
- Fabrication and Integration Shop
- Collaboration Common: Graduate, Undergraduate, & K-12

Fabens, TX



Tornillo Unmanned Aerial System Flight Test Range

- 20-25 acres facility + Flight Test Range (600 acres)
- 400-ft Runway
- Test Support Facility (planned)

Fabens, TX



tRIAc - Aeronautics Research and Learning Facility (Planned)

- Flight Wind-Tunnel Research and Education Complex
- Subsonic Wind Tunnel
- Water Tunnel Supersonic Tunnel

Fabens, TX



Fabens General Aviation Airport

- *Partner Facility*
 - Managed by El Paso County
- 4,200 ft. & 2,300 ft. Runways
- 400 acres

Fabens, TX



Francis Facility

- Instructional & Training Facility
- Satellite Ground Station (underdevelopment)
 - 2.4 m S-band antenna | 436 MHz UHF antenna

El Paso, TX



Horizon City Aerospace and Defense Accelerator

- *Partner Facility*
 - Horizon City Economic Development Corporation
- Small Business Incubator

Horizon, TX

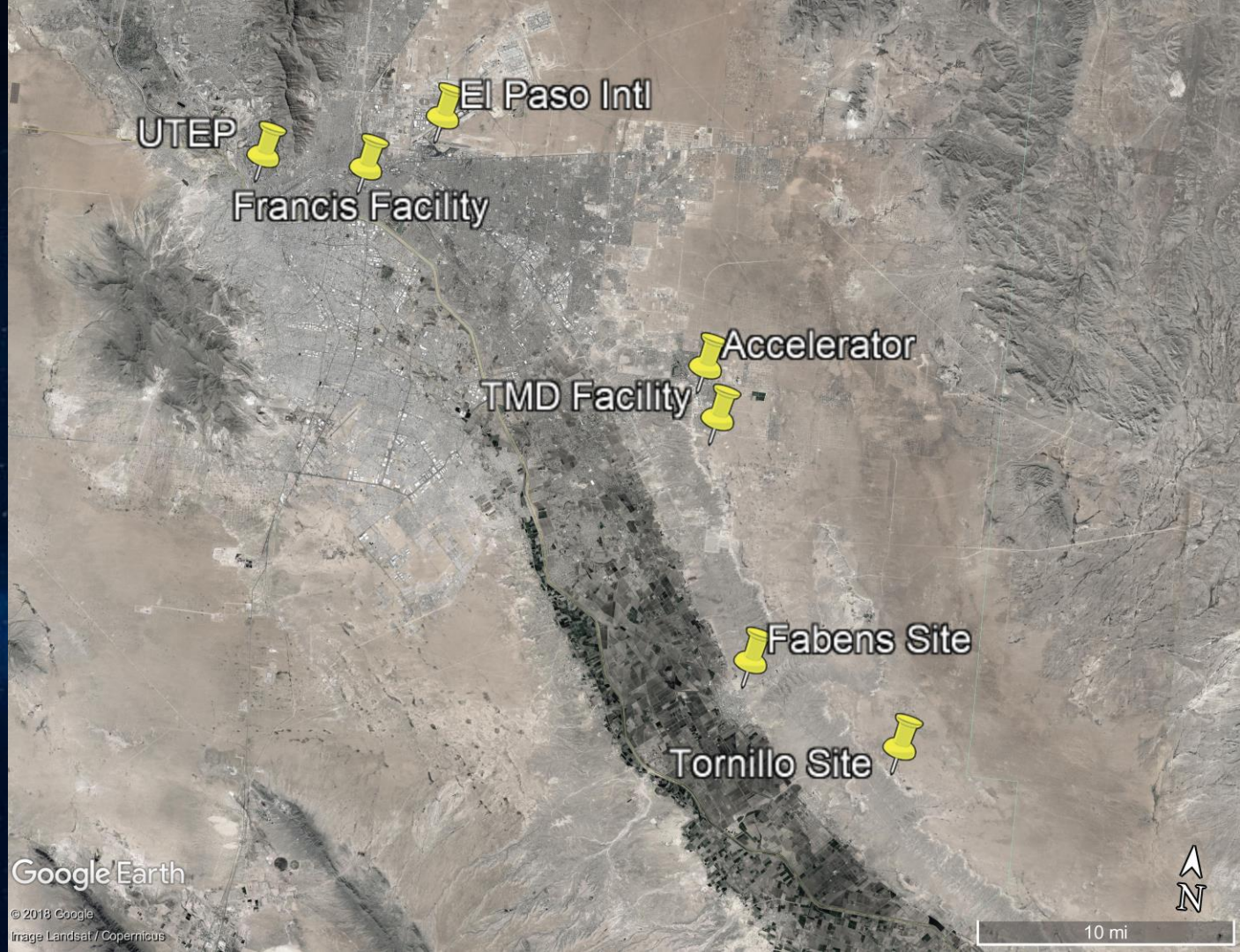


TMD Defense and Space

- *Partner Facility*
 - Administrative Area & 21,000 sf warehouse, Hazardous Material Assembly Area with (10) Missile Assembly Cells & (7) Storage Magazines & Firefighting Support Building

Horizon, TX

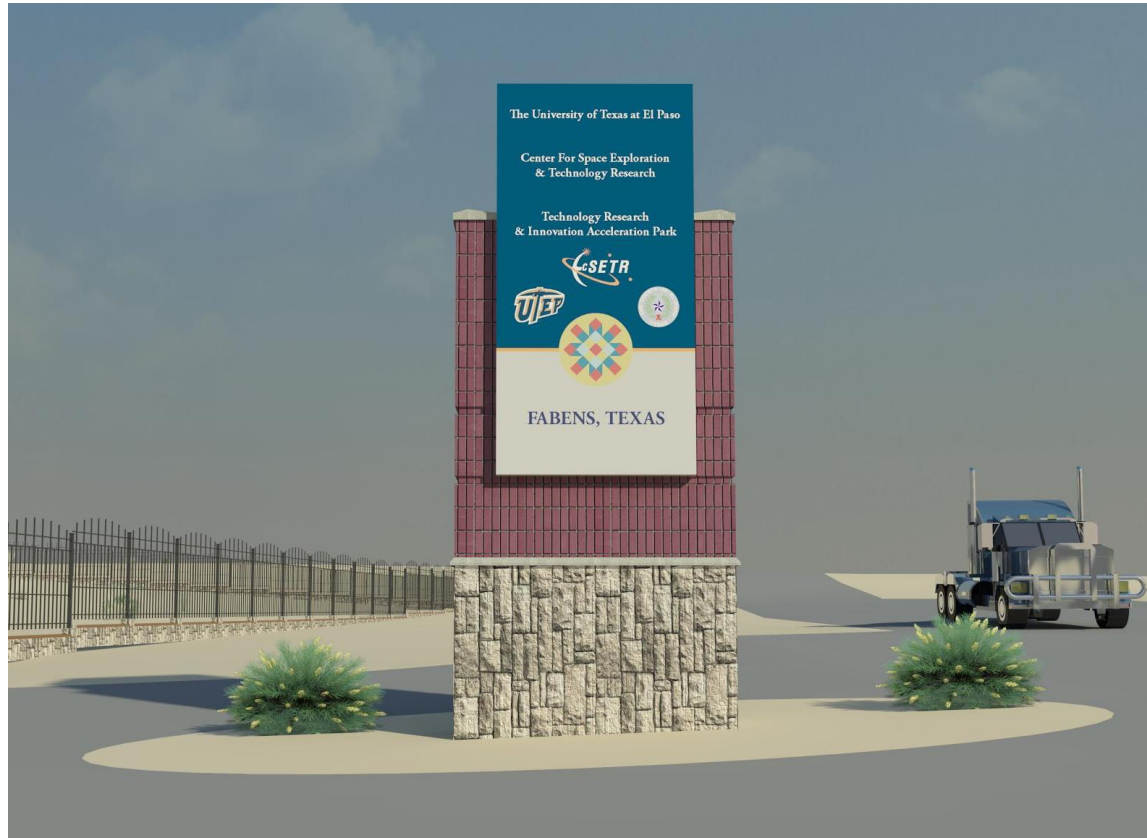
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Technology Research & Innovation Acceleration Park

(tRIAc Park)

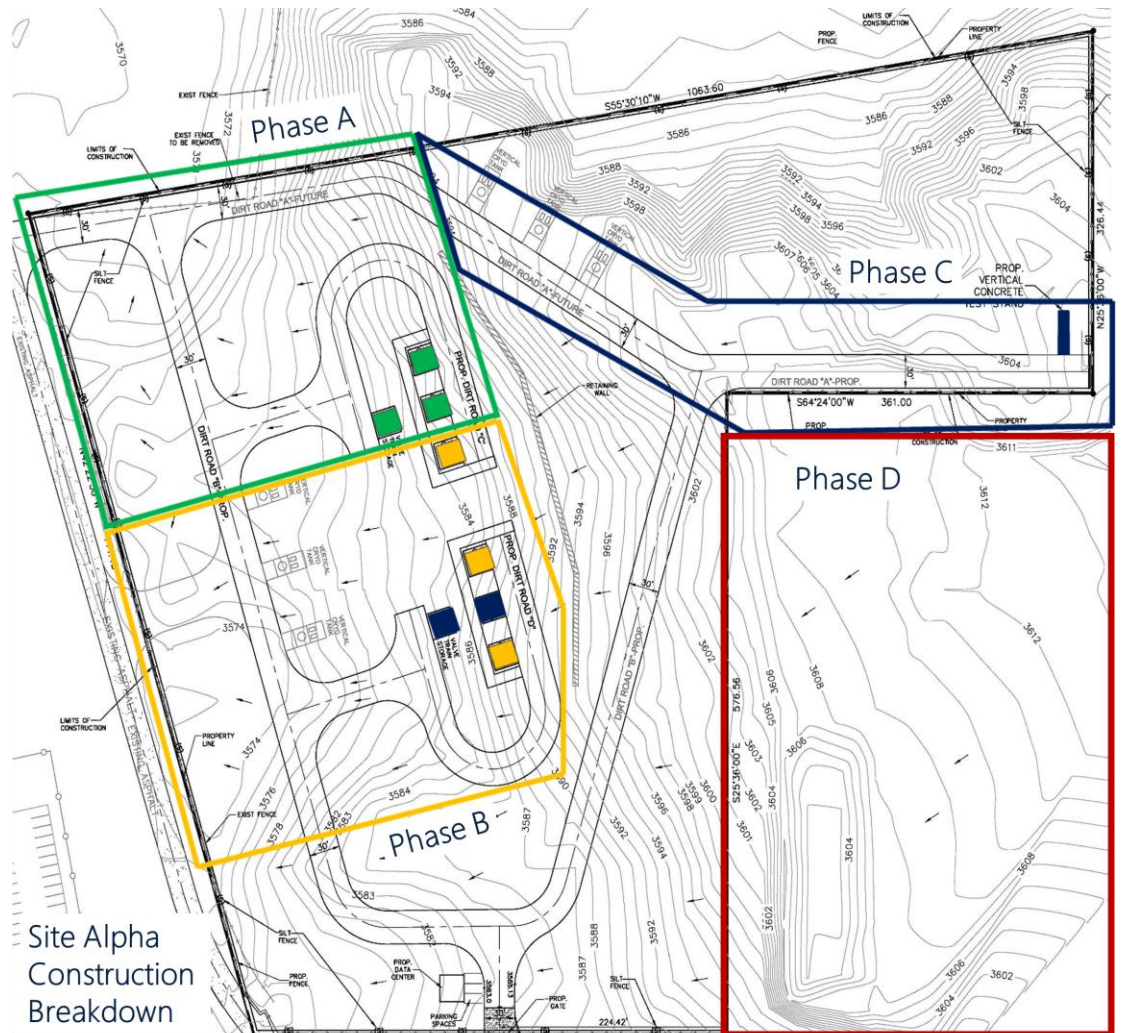
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tRIAc Park

Alpha Site

- Phase A - Complete
 - Access Road
 - Electrical Services
 - 3 Test Cells
- Phase B
- Access Road
 - Electrical Services
 - 2 Test Cells
 - Vertical Test Stand
- Phase C
 - Access Road
 - 2 Test Cells
 - Vertical Test Stand
- Phase D
 - Aeronautics Research and Learning Facility



tRIAc Park

Alpha Site

- Testing Facility
 - Size:
 - Phase 1: 3 Acres
 - Total: 18 acres
 - Test Cell Maximum Static Load
 - 13,000 lbs.
- Electrical
 - Site: 480V/3phase
 - Test Cell: 220V/3phase



tRIAc Park HQ Site

- Manufacturing and Integration Facility
- Size
 - Indoor: 10,800 ft²
 - Total: 3.92 acres
- Electrical Service
 - 200 AMP/240V



Courtesy of JR Hernandez



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Tornillo Unmanned Aerial System Flight Test Range

- Facility Designated for Unmanned Aerial System Flight Testing
- Location: Tornillo, TX | 38 Miles from UTEP main campus
- Size:
 - 20-25 acres facility
 - Flight Test Range (600 acres)



Site Bravo:
Facility Offices

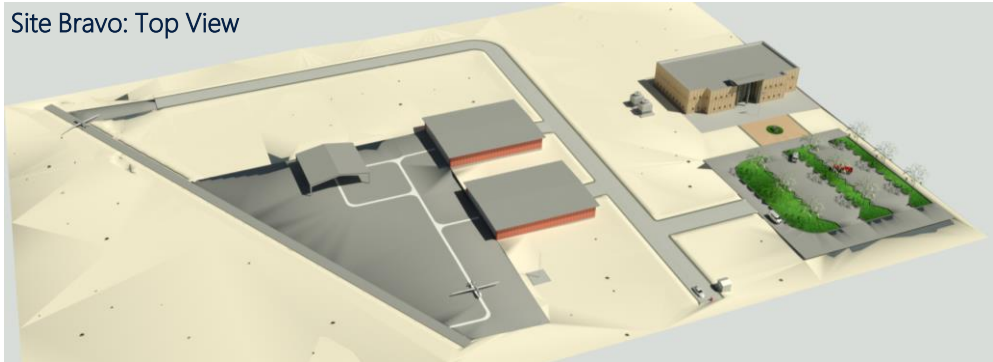
Phase A - Dirt work and Signage

- Rock in access road
- Level Site Bravo area
- Establish entry sign at current gate entrance
- 300' x 20' Runway
- Storage facility
- Gravel parking lot

Phase B - Facilities & Paved Access

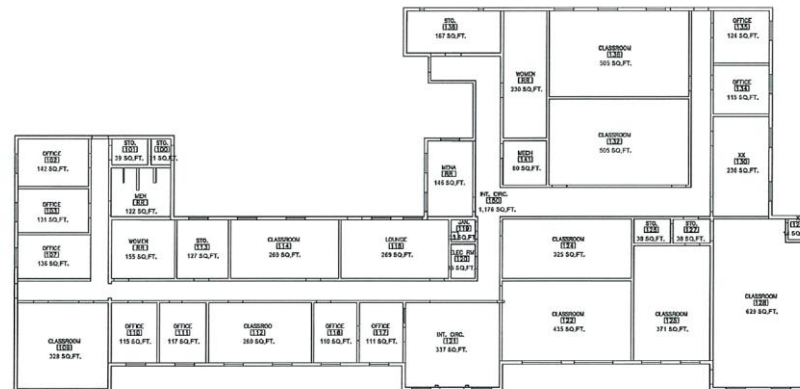
- Pave 500' x 20' Runway
- Facility Offices
- Paved Roads

Site Bravo: Top View



Francis Facility

- Instructional & Training Facility
 - Size: 9,000 sf
 - 20 parking spaces
- Satellite Ground Station (underdevelopment)
 - 2.4 m S-band antenna | 436 MHz UHF antenna



Partner Facilities

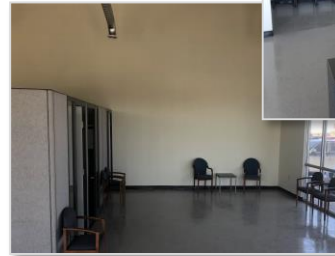
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- 400 acres



Horizon City Economic Development Accelerator

- Capabilities
 - 2400 ft² of Space
 - 3 Cubicles for small businesses
 - Soon to be expanded to 6 Cubicles
 - Conference Area
- Subsidized office space for small business growth.



Partner Facility

TMD - Horizon Facility

- Capability
 - Administrative Areas
 - Conference Room
 - Kitchen / Break Room
 - Warehouse
 - 21,000 sf
 - 20ft clear ceiling height
 - Hazardous Material Assembly
 - (10) Missile Assembly Cells
 - (2) Loading bays with Drive-in Doors
 - Munitions Storage Magazine
 - (7) Storage magazines (1,650 sf each)
 - Firefighting Support Building
 - 250, 000 gall water storage
 - 2,000 gal/min pump capacity
 - Change Building
 - Dressing area, Lockers, & Showers



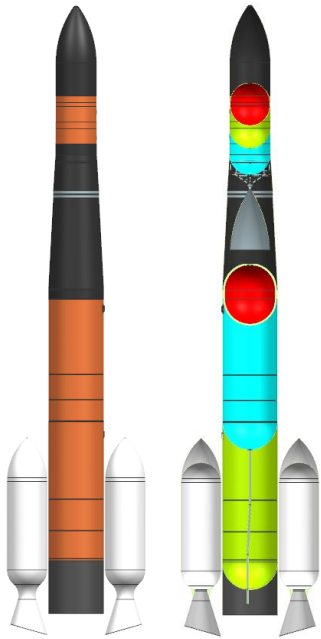
cSETR Aerospace Technical Goals



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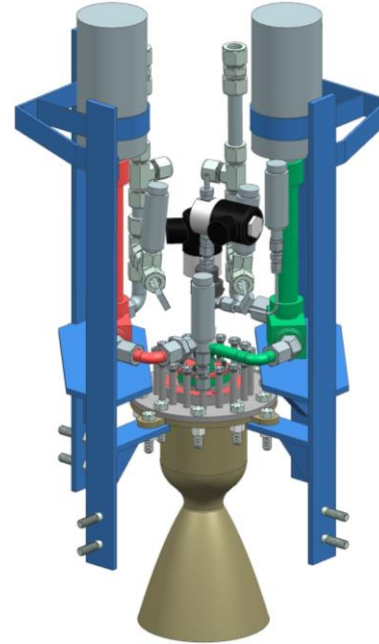
...a bold research agenda



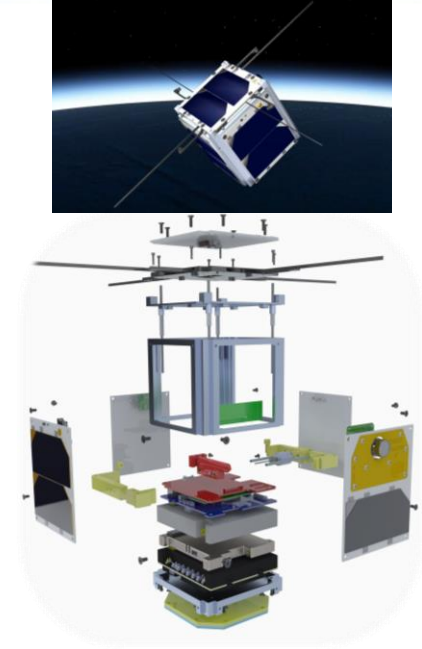
CSpLV
Centennial Small Payload
Launch Vehicle



HypTest
Hypersonic Test Vehicle



Janus
Robotic Lunar Lander



Orbital Factory
SmallSat On-Orbit
Manufacturing

cSETR Aerospace Technology Roadmap

LO₂/Methane [Space Technology]



Regen
Cooling
Channel



Torch
Igniter



5 lb_f RCS



CROME
500 lb_f



CROME-X
2000-4000 lb_f



DAEDALUS
Suborbital Payload Scale Methane
Propulsion Technology Testbed



JANUS
Robotic Lander Scale Methane
Propulsion Technology Testbed



CSLV
Centennial Small Payload
Launch Vehicle

Green Propellant [Space Technology]



Propellant
Fundamental Study



0.224 lb_f



5 lb_f



SmallSat Propulsion Module

SmallSat [Space Technology & Science]



Orbital Factory II



NASA WSTF
Cold Gas Module



Orbital Factory III



Orbital Factory X

Unmanned Aerial Systems [Aeronautics]



Unmanned Traffic
Management



UAS Research and
Training



Beyond Visual Line
of Sight Operation

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Research Capabilities

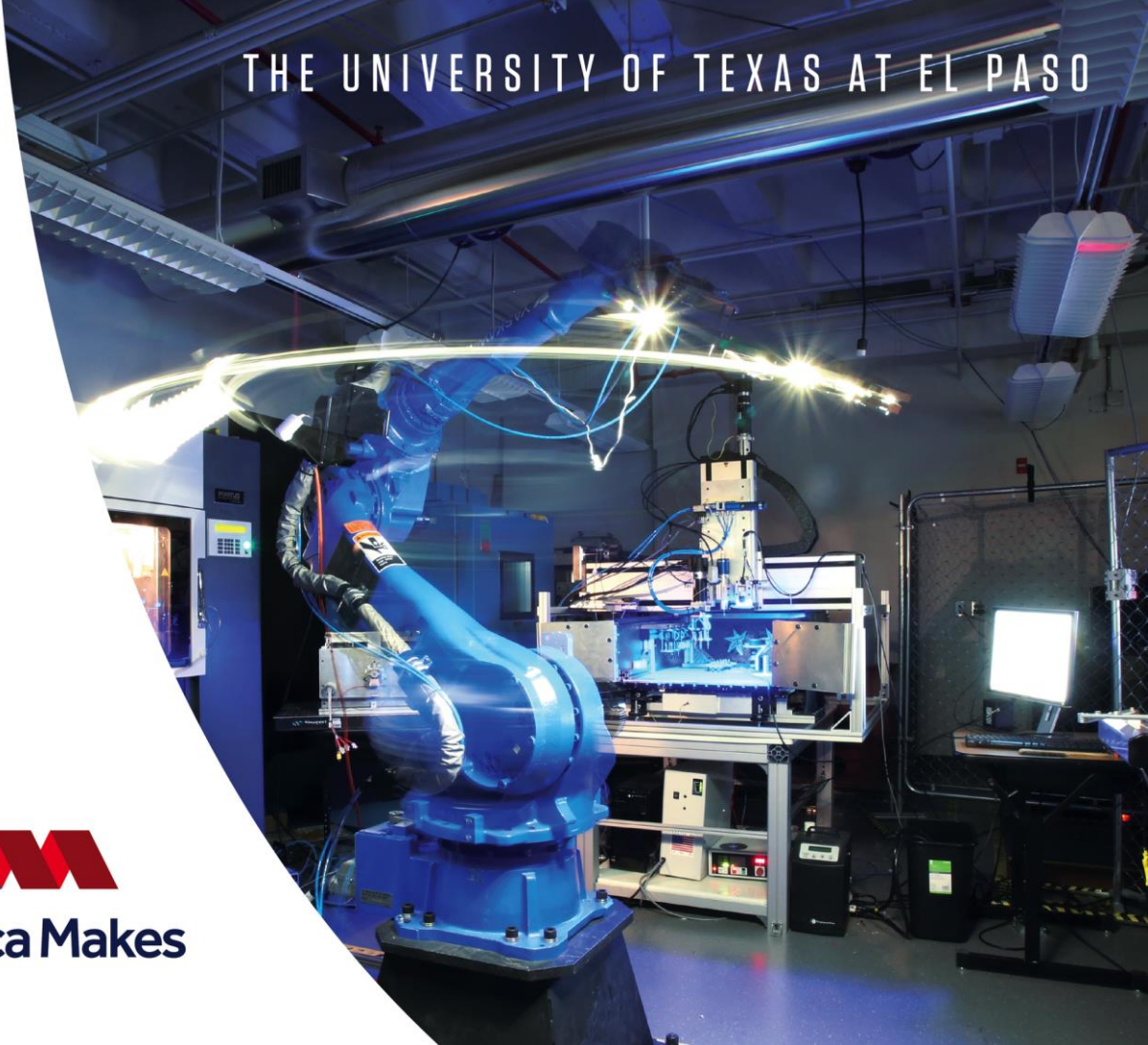
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W.M. KECK CENTER
FOR 3D INNOVATION



America Makes



W.M. Keck Center for 3D Innovation



- Founded in 2000 - 13,000 sq ft facility with 50+ additive manufacturing (AM) machines
- Expanding to 17,000 sq ft facility in downtown El Paso (large area AM, training, economic development)
- R&D projects with more than 100 industrial clients and 10 federal agencies
- Broad and expanding patent portfolio
- Students becoming leaders in AM industry – workforce development pipeline
- Economic development initiative – creation of regional AM-based businesses
- Selected as America Makes Satellite Center in 2015



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FOR 3D INNOVATION



America Makes

National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute

Equipment/Capabilities Snapshot

- **30,000 sq ft on and off campus facilities** (AM and hybrid AM – polymers, metals, ceramics, electronics, composites; materials synthesis and characterization; metrology, microscopy and mechanical testing; cell culture; training; economic development)
- **Industrial AM Systems:** Cincinnati BAAM; Fortus 900, 400(s); SLA 500, Viper(s); ExOne M-Flex; Laser PBF (AconityOne, SLM 125, EOS M290); Electron Beam PBF (Arcam A2 and high temp S12)
- **Hybrid AM Systems:** Robotic handling; Tool exchange; BAAM; Desktop(s)
- **Experimental AM Systems:** ExOne X1-Lab; Zprinter 450(s); Multi-material SL; micro-SL; many desktops
- **Suite of Mechanical Testing and Polymers/Metals/Ceramics Characterization Instrumentation and Equipment**

Keck Center - Driving the Additive Manufacturing Revolution

Research and Technology Development



- Polymers, metals, ceramics, composites, electronics AM
- Hybrid AM, large area AM, automation, robotics
- Multi-functional applications

Industry and Government Partnerships



- AM, CAD, and testing service center
- Value added expert AM solution providers

Education, Training and Workforce Development



- Graduate 3D engineering and AM certificate program
- Point-of-need basic, expert, and custom AM training
- Workforce development pipeline program

Economic Development



- Creating technology spin-off companies
- Recruiting AM companies to El Paso



America Makes

National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute

Enhancing Member Benefits through New America Makes Model



Build Parts
and
Test Coupons

Generate AM
Performance
Data

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Benefit
America Makes
Membership

Develop AM
Performance
Database



New Enhanced Benefits

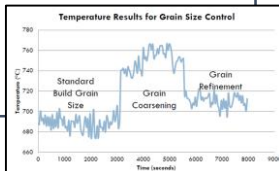
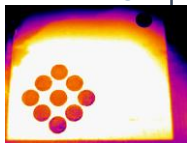
- Fees/Cost Share for membership
- Certified testing
- OEM equipment and materials partnerships
- AM database
- Advanced workforce
- Economic development



Technical Research Areas

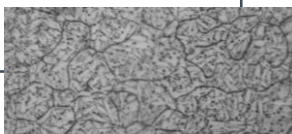
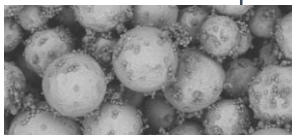
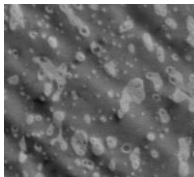
In-situ monitoring and control

- IR imaging, pyrometry
- Layerwise fabrication control
- Defect detection and correction
- Microstructure control and tailoring



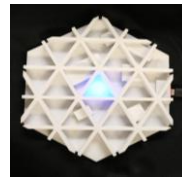
AM-enabled materials

- Multiple material fabrication
- Polymers, metals, ceramics, composites, electronics
- Mechanical testing and materials characterization



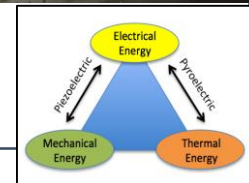
Hybrid manufacturing, stop-n-go manufacturing

- 3D electronics
- Embedded sensors
- Reinforcement
- Design software
- Artificial intelligence
- Machine development
- Large area AM
- Robotics

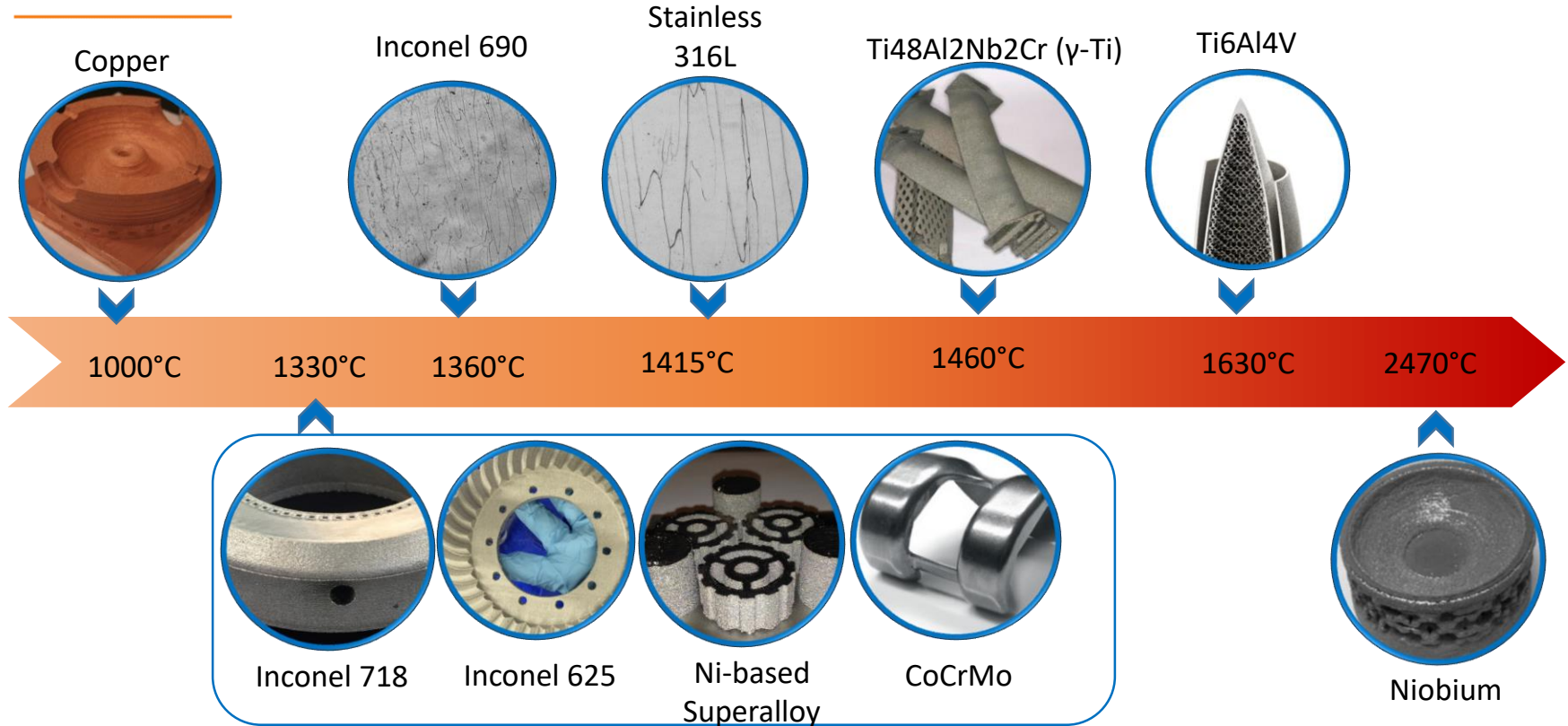


Ceramics and sensors

- Piezoelectric materials
- High temperature materials
- Sensors



AM Metal Materials Expertise



Multi^{3D} Demonstrations

Robot Multi^{3D} System Capabilities:

- Material extrusion (filament)
- Thermal wire embedding
- Foil embedding
- Direct-write
- Robotic component placement
- Machining
- Robot material handling

Tool Exchange Multi^{3D} Capabilities:

- Filament Extrusion
- Pellet Extrusion
- Machining
- Wire Embedding
- Foil Application
- Pick-and-place
- Machine Vision

five-axis platform

designated area for tool housing and exchange (rear)

stand-alone system

Wire Embedding Tool

Pick-and-Place Tool

Machining and foil application for antenna fabrication

2.4 GHz patch antenna fabrication

Electronic component integration

thermistor heating element controller

modular satellite

Wire embedding for axial motor stator fabrication

conventional

3D printed

FDM Machine 1

CNC Router

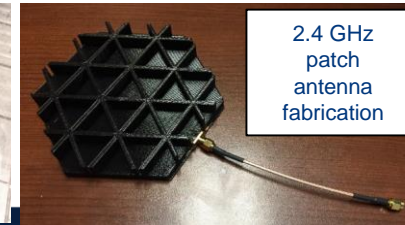
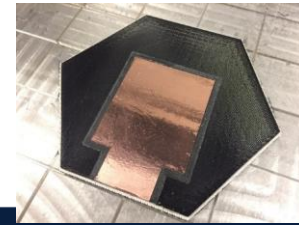
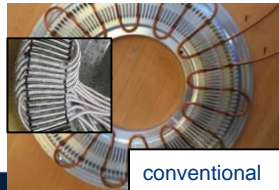
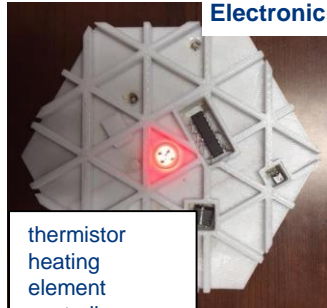
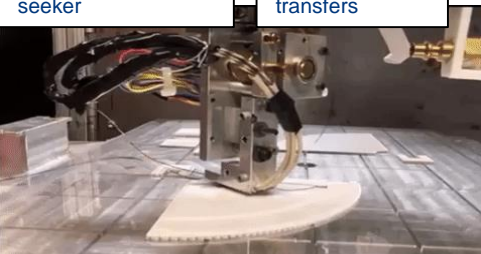
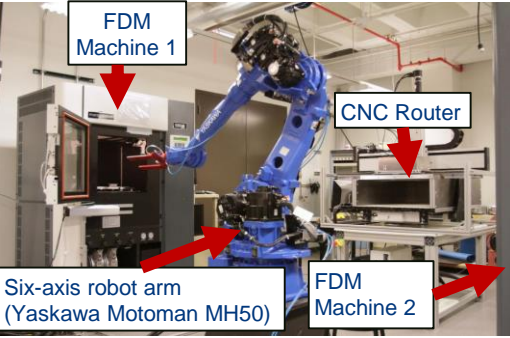
FDM Machine 2

Six-axis robot arm (Yaskawa Motoman MH50)

Eliminates labor-intensive fabrication

printed missile seeker

82 part transfers



Big Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM)

- Material is typically reinforced with carbon or glass fibers to mitigate warping and distortion
- Single-screw extruder
- Platform is equipped with heating elements
- Build envelope: 3.5 x 1.6 x 1.8 m
(140" x 65" x 72")

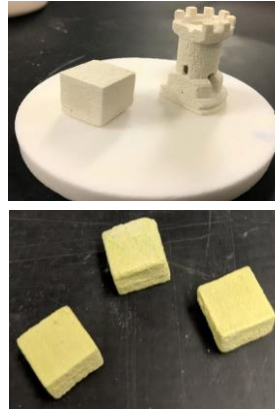
| | medium thermoplastic material extrusion | large thermoplastic material extrusion |
|---------------------|---|--|
| build volume | 0.03 – 0.3 m ³ | 25 m ³ |
| deposition rates | 0.015 - 0.082 kg/ h | up to 50 kg/h |
| build material cost | \$100 – 200 per kg | \$2 – 10 per kg |

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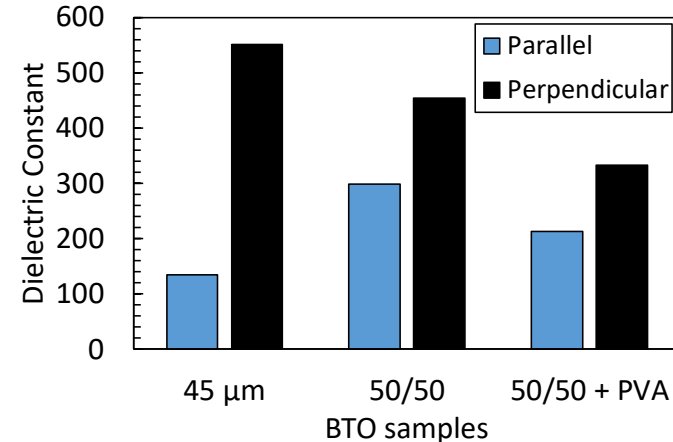
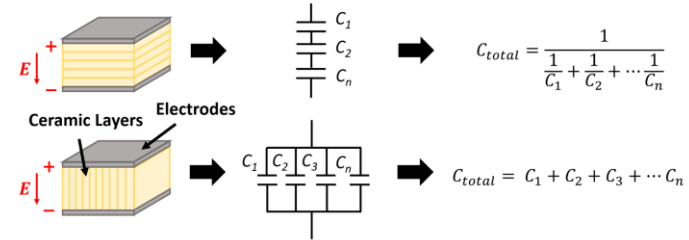
UTEP's Cinnati BAAM machine

Functional Ceramic Printing



- Binder jetting focused, but also exploring material extrusion and vat photopolymerization
- Piezoelectric (PZT and BaTiO₃) and high thermal conductivity (AlN) ceramics – current interest
- Increasing density and functionality using various process optimization and post processing techniques

Directional Properties





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